

34. (Currently Amended) A guide element of a web processing machine comprising:
 / Hollow /
 [[A]] a rigid load bearing support having a support length and a full circumferential
 surface extending over at least a portion of said support length, said support including a fluid-
 permeable support material, said fluid permeable support material having an outer support surface, said outer support surface of said fluid permeable support material being provided with a plurality of fluid openings in said fluid permeable support material and extending over said full circumferential surface in said at least a portion of said support length of said rigid load bearing support circumferential surface; / Hollow support having outer support surface, said outer support surface receiving a fluid cushion /
 [[A]] a coating of a micro-porous, fluid permeable, open-pored sinter material covering said fluid permeable support material on portion of said full circumferential outer support surface of said rigid, load bearing support;
 a plurality of micro-openings in said coating of said micro-micro-porous, air permeable open-pored sinter material, said plurality of micro-openings being open pores formed in said coating of said micro-porous, fluid permeable, open-pored sinter material, said plurality of micro-openings being sized to allow emergence of a fluid under pressure from said plurality of fluid openings in said fluid-permeable support material over in said at least a portion of said full circumferential surface of said at least a portion of said support length one longitudinal section of said guide element, said fluid under pressure emerging and through said coating of said micro-porous, fluid permeable, open-pored sinter material as a fluid cushion; and means supporting said guide element adapted to be positioned in a selected one of at least first and second angular positions in respect to a direction of travel of a web being guided by said guide element, said fluid under pressure emerging from said plurality of micro-openings of said fluid permeable open-pored sinter material over said full circumferential surface of said at least a portion of said support length of said rigid load bearing support in each of said first and second angular positions of said guide element, said web being supported by said fluid cushion while being guided by said guide element.